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U.S. President Donald Trump holds a bilateral meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson (L) on the sidelines of the annual United Nations General Assembly in New York City, New York, U.S. on September 24, 2019. REUTERS

Trump off to London for NATO summit, under pressure to steer clear of British election

Trump has been supportive of Brexit in the past.

U.S. President Donald Trump leaves on Monday for a NATO summit in London and he is under pressure from British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to resist the temptation to wade into the British election campaign coming up later in December.

As a presidential candidate in 2016 and then as president since early 2017, Trump has shown no restraint in showing support for Britain's exit from the European Union and critiquing the politicians involved in the country's long-running Brexit debate.

But with Johnson leading polls as he faces Dec. 12 elections, the prime minister who is hosting the London NATO summit wants Trump to mind the guard-rails, putting Trump in the unusual position of trying to avoid his normal impulse to comment on whatever he wishes.

Trump waded into the election in October by saying opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn would be "so bad" for Britain and that Johnson should agree on a pact with Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage.

Johnson's pressure prompted the White House to stress, as a senior administration official said, that Trump "is absolutely cognizant of not, again, wading into other country's elections."

That strategy could be put to the test as Trump faces reporters a number of times on the trip, including at what is expected to be a news conference on Wednesday.

The NATO summit takes place as Trump battles an effort led by Democrats who control the U.S. House of Representatives to force his removal from office through impeachment over his pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden.

The impeachment imbroglio has overshadowed Trump's presidency as he looks ahead to his own re-election fight next November.

Trump, who got back to the United States on Friday from a whirlwind trip to Afghanistan, arrives in London on Monday night for two days of meetings with NATO leaders gathered for the summit.

He will have separate talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and attend a working lunch with representatives from Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Lithuania, Bulgaria, and the United Kingdom. U.S. officials see the NATO summit as a celebratory moment for Trump as his pressure on member nations has led many to increase their military spending.

He is expected to seek support from member nations to increase pressure on China for what the United States sees as Beijing's expansionist policies.

"China is actively seeking a great presence and more influence across the globe, including in NATO's area of responsibility," said a senior administration official. REUTERS

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Shootouts in northern Mexico kill 21

2 Clashes between police and suspected cartel gunmen in a northern Mexican town killed 21 people this weekend, authorities said, adding fuel to bilateral tensions sparked by U.S. President Donald Trump's vow to designate the drug gangs as terrorists. Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who is pushing a less confrontational approach to subduing the cartels, repeated on Sunday that he would not accept any intervention from abroad, while doubling down on his strategy of containment. But the killings clouded celebrations marking his first year in office, which were buffeted by a march in Mexico City by thousands of people protesting the violence. The government of the northern state of Coahuila said local security forces killed seven gunmen early on Sunday, and 10 others in and around the town of Villa Union. REUTERS

Death toll from Lampedusa shipwreck rises to 18

3 The bodies of five migrants who died when a boat capsized in rough waters off the southern Lampedusa coast a week ago have been found, Italy's coast guard said on Sunday, bringing the overall death toll to 18. The boat, which survivors said had departed from Libya taking advantage of a respite in bad weather, was believed to carry some 170 people. The Lampedusa coast guard managed to bring safely onshore 147 migrants after the accident on Nov. 23. After the new bout of bad weather blocked search operations for several days, on Sunday six coast guard divers helped by a remotely-operated submarine found four bodies underwater and a fifth one floating. "We can only listen to the silence of the dead," Lampedusa mayor Totò Martello said. REUTERS

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The truth about online reviews

Online reviews aren't always reliable.

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Cyber Monday is finally here. There's nothing better than getting a great deal while still in your pajamas. Before placing an order, do you ever check the reviews prior to purchasing an item? If you do, you're not alone, but do you actually believe what you read? If you believe everything you read online about an item, you might want to reconsider. A new study done by bestseocompanies.com discovered the truth about online reviews.

The company found that of 2.7 million online reviews analyzed, 39 percent were unreliable. To break it down further, 24 percent of all online products analyzed had more than 50 percent of unreliable reviews.

The survey showed that people often do read reviews prior to purchasing; however, specific categories are researched more often than others. Seventy-one percent of people read reviews before making an appliance purchase. Following appliances, 67.6 percent of people read reviews of electronics before purchasing. Rounding out the top five are laptops and computers (64.2 percent), restaurants (62.3 percent) and cellphones and accessories (53.1 percent.)

Eighty-eight percent of those surveyed wrote a review for a product or service within the past year. Fifty-two percent of respondents are likely to read reviews on Amazon, and 30 percent are likely to read Google reviews. Seventy percent of people surveyed said that they would pay more for products or items with higher reviews.

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The study shed light on the fact that some of these reviews were explicitly requested. Fifteen percent of all respondents said that they had been asked to write a review for items they did not use nor purchase.

Although other categories had higher percentages, electronics (195k), home decor (183k) and apparel (165k) had the highest volume of fake reviews. Topping the list of fake reviews was apparel with a whopping 46.2 percent of reviews faked. Shortly behind it comes the finding that 45.6 percent of home decor reviews were fake. Garden and outdoors raked in 42.1 percent of fake reviews. Coming in fourth place was 42 percent of all electronics reviews being faked. Rounding out the top five categories is automotive and industrial, with 39.1 percent of reviews faked.

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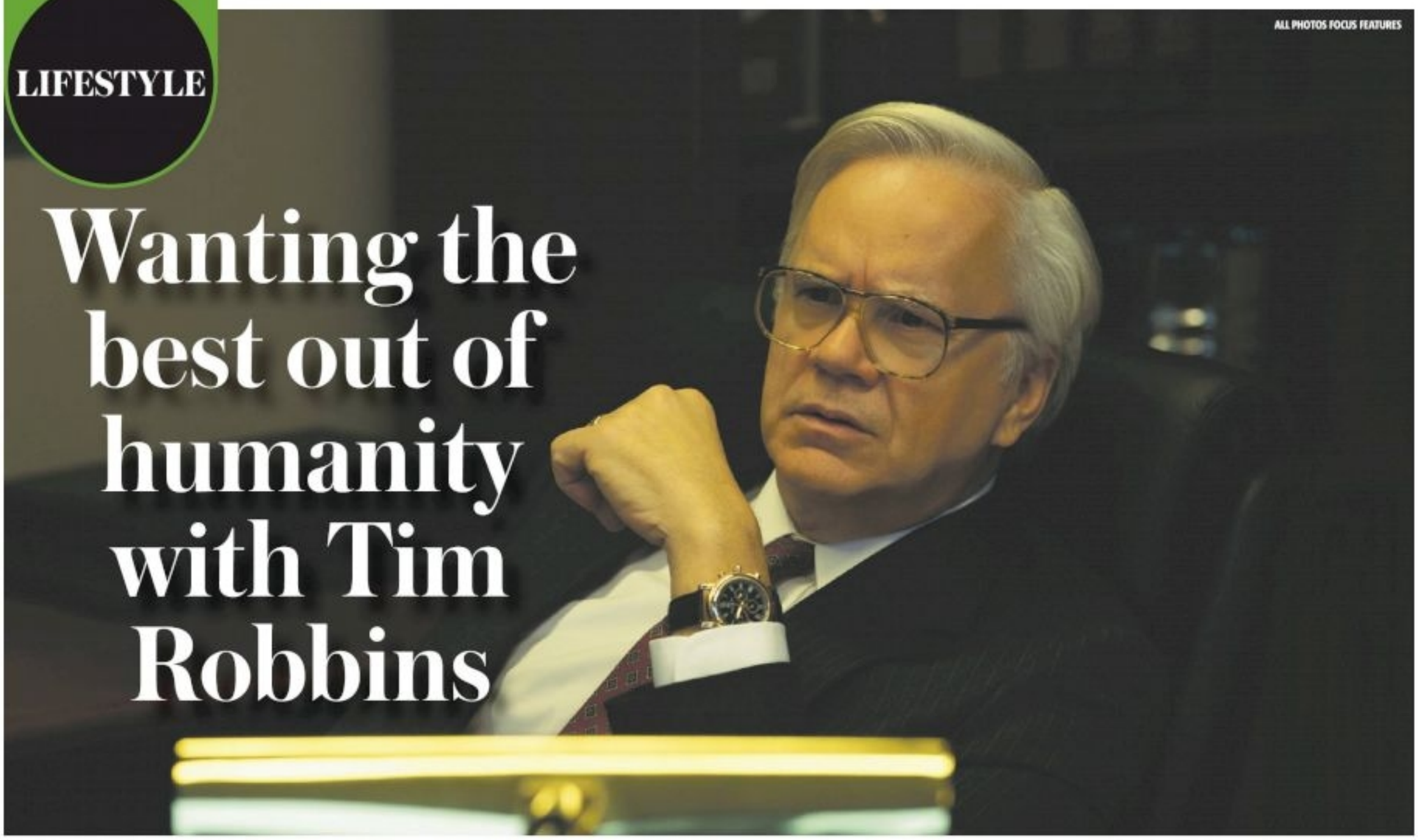

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Wanting the best out of humanity with Tim Robbins

The actor stars in the new Todd Haynes film "Dark Waters" alongside Mark Ruffalo.

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When I meet with Tim Robbins, both of our minds couldn't be further from work obligations that day. It was the first day of the impeachment hearings, after all, and when I meet him in the press suite of a hotel alongside Central Park we both do one last check on our phones before we begin to talk about his latest role. The film is "Dark Waters," directed by Todd Haynes, which follows the real-life story of lawyer Robert Bilott (played by Mark Ruffalo) and his tireless fight against a chemical company and their negligent practices that lead to introducing cancer-causing synthetic compounds (PFOA) into our water with the production of Teflon products. As unintentional as it seemed, given our minds were both consumed by politics at that moment, it was a pretty good way to transition into talking about the film.

Robbins' character, Tom Terp, of the Cincinnati law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, oversaw Bilott's case against DuPont. Even though this case took time and resources from the firm, Terp was able to see the case's importance and meaning. It was Terp's immense bravery that drew Robbins to the role in the first place.

"I wanted to do the movie because I support this story and Todd Haynes, Mark Ruffalo and most importantly, Rob Bilott. I want to believe, well I know people like this exist. I met the guy, Tom Terp. I hope that maybe this film will inspire people like Tom Terp to put their foot down and make a moral stand. And understand that profit is not always what should be driving us. That there are other important things to humanity than how wealthy we are. That one man can change things," says Robbins.

"Tom Terp," he adds, "by allowing the resources of that powerful law firm to this effort probably saved a lot of lives. I wish there were more people like that. I really do. I want to believe there are. It's tough though. How many people are willing to stand up for what they believe and risk their livelihood? Their safety, perhaps their life? It takes courage. Part of that courage is the courage to not be working in a job that's morally reprehensible. You've got to pay the bills, the rent, schools, [etc.] … there's a lot of pressure on people to make a living. How much power given the constraints of the cost of living and what you need to survive, how many people have the luxury of living a moral life? That should never be a luxury, right? It should be a bedrock principle of who we are as human beings. We have an economic system that doesn't allow that."

One thing that becomes abundantly clear while watching "Dark Waters" is how the EPA had never accounted for the kinds of industrial waste that companies like DuPont had been dumping for years and the willingness of these corporations to pay large amounts in order to keep the agency from looking into their practices too deeply. The inability of our regulatory agencies to keep our people safe has been something that has saddened and angered Robbins throughout his life. And after seeing that a recently leaked memo from the EPA, published in the New York Times, showing the agency's plans to limit the amount of scientific and medical research that can be used in their future restrictions on business, well, he was absolutely furious.

"Can you f–cking believe that?" Robbins asked in disbelief. "A government agency that was set up to protect the citizens of the United States is now working on the side of industry to get rid of any science that has been conducted that was protecting people from pollutants. Including Rob's study that was in the film, that bloodwork study that took 10 years to do, they want to throw it out. Why do they want to throw it out? Because DuPont is going to have to pay a lot of money. And DuPont is telling the EPA they want this done."

In a sense, getting the word out against these seemingly unbeatable corporations that have more than enough money to tie up the courts should be our civic duty. Robbins feels that this movie is doing its part to hold them accountable and hopes that more are made in the future. Because once it is on the screen, the conversation leaves the theater and hits the streets.

"I'm hopeful for movies like 'Dark Waters,'" he says. "I'm hopeful for stories that are told that tell the truth and spread more information across ideological lines. I think we're so tribalized right now and I don't think people are listening to each other. It's a dangerous place to be. I don't think the media helps very much. There's a lot of important information that's not being reported on because they're so obsessively on one topic."

Robbins and I spent a great deal of time working each other up into a frenzy. At one moment, we laughed in disbelief. In another, we were confused by our optimism. Could anything actually change for the better? Then we both said goodbye and opened our phones to dial back in with what was happening in the world outside.

Shows his strength and weaknesses
ADAM DRIVER

The American actor turns 36 with lots of new movies coming out.

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'Fashion,' 'fame' and 'celebrity' are words that Adam Driver doesn't like very much, because they show a side he avoids from his career as an actor. Driver turned 36 this Tuesday, Nov. 19, and in an interview with Metro he talked about several important movies that will be released before the end of the year.

"Marriage Story," "The Dead Don't Die," "The Report" and "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" (which will premiere on Dec. 19) are the films that mark a special season for the actor.

You're keeping up a good pace. How do you keep from wearing out when working each character?
You do the projects you like, I never think if they are too many or too few. I like working on the characters, I am very disciplined and I focus 100 percent on each project. I am not one of those who think about taking sabbaticals, it is not in my DNA. I can tell you that I like to work and that taking time off is not very common for me, but I do find moments to relax and enjoy life outside film sets.

You have a good record of projects. Do you like to find a balance between them?
I like to generate new experiences and learnings. I have made sci-fi films, dramas, thriller, adventure and comedy, although they may be black comedy. I am also entering the musical grounds, with the film "Annette," which is the one I am shooting at the moment. I like to explore all sides of performance, sometimes they are commercial and sometimes very independent.

What can you tell us about "The Report?"
It is a political thriller based on real-life events on the investigation of the CIA Detention and Interrogation Program created after 9/11. I play Daniel J. Jones, the employee in charge of conducting the investigation. He is a character that has generated several confrontations on an emotional level, because it is a strong story full of contrasts.

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Do you feel comfortable starring in blockbusters like "Star Wars," as well as smaller movies?
I feel comfortable working, because I choose projects that generate emotion. Obviously a "Star Wars" production involves entering lands not very familiar to me, because there are many special effects and so many people; besides, I'm a villain with Kylo Ren. It's like trying to combine all tastes into one. I am more used to working with small groups and on small sets, but that does not mean that I do not like being part of big productions, because there I'm like a kid that's in awe with every scene. In the end, it took me a while to get used to the different rhythms.

What's your best anecdote as an actor so far?
Everything was going well with my independent projects, there were people who recognized me on the street, but it wasn't like they kept staring. After making "Star Wars" everything changed and it is difficult to escape the photos. Some time ago I was riding my bicycle, suddenly a police patrol stopped me. First I laughed because I never thought I could pass the speed limit on two wheels, but it wasn't like that; in the end, the policeman stopped me because they wanted a picture with me. [*Laughs*]

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CYBER MONDAY

5 ways you're shopping Cyber Monday all wrong

NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

You're one of the many shopping on Cyber Monday. But chances are you're going about it the wrong way.

Don't just spot a deal and put it in your cart. There's so much more to do before that part.

We put together a list of some of the most common shopping mistakes and how to fix them.

1. You're missing out on coupons

Cyber Monday is meant to be shopped online. So search coupon sites before you buy — it'll only take a little bit of your time.

Don't just settle for the Cyber Monday sale prices you see online. Chances are you can stack a coupon (or two or three) on top of those sales, according to Jenny Martin, the writer behind frugal-living website Southern Savers.

"With all of the online deals that are running, look for websites that are always going to let you stack multiple offers together," Martin says. "If they're not, I'd almost consider moving on."

Keep an eye out for percent-off coupon codes, free shipping codes and loyalty member discounts. For example, do you have Kohl's Cash you can redeem along with a Kohl's coupon? Victoria's Secret is another example of a retailer that allows multiple codes for online shoppers.

2. You're forgetting about Black Friday

Look back at Black Friday prices to remind yourself of the deals that were. And if Cyber Monday sales don't beat them, hold out a little while longer.

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It's easy to assume everything is a great price on Cyber Monday, but not so fast. Look back at a retailer's Black Friday ad to see how the deals compare.

You may find that a deal isn't so great in comparison. If that's the case, consider skipping Cyber Monday and waiting for last-minute sales before Christmas.

Or, you may find that the deals are exactly the same as Black Friday's offers, Martin says. That can be a good reminder that limited-time deals aren't always as limited as they may seem.

3. You're limiting yourself

Cyber Monday sales don't just happen at websites like Walmart, Best Buy and Target. In fact, cyber deals extend to products like hotels, plane tickets and even carpet.

Keep your shopping options open on Cyber Monday. Chances are you'll come across plenty of deals beyond electronics and toys.

Travel is a prime example, says Sarah Schlichter, senior editor at online travel magazine SmarterTravel. That includes hotel, airfare and tours as well as travel products like shoes, clothing and luggage.

Shop around for a vacation like you would anything else. For example, consult a hotel's own website as well as hotel search engine sites such as Hotels.com and Trivago.

4. You're skipping a step

Gift cards aren't just for gifting to friends and family. In fact, you can buy yourself a gift card on Cyber Monday — and spend it strategically.

Before you find a product, load it in your cart and hit checkout, take one step back and consider purchasing a gift card that you can use as your payment method when you shop.

At gift card marketplaces like Raise, you can buy a gift card for less than face value, then turn around and purchase discounted Cyber Monday products with it. It's like an added layer of savings.

At the time of this writing, we spotted Macy's gift cards for up to 5% off, Petco gift cards for up to 6% off and Ulta gift cards for up to 14.4% off at Raise.

5. You're feeling pressured

Much like Black Friday, Cyber Monday has become a weeklong affair. So keep checking back over the next few days for more deals on appliances, electronics or even furniture, like a chair.

There will be plenty of opportunities for sales, even after Cyber Monday is over. So don't feel compelled to shop now. If a deal isn't quite right, it's OK to hold off.

Perhaps most importantly, set a Cyber Monday spending limit before you start clicking around websites.

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Celtics fans voiced their displeasure with Kyrie Irving this past Wednesday night at TD Garden.

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LET'S ALL STOP TALKING ABOUT KYRIE

OPINION

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I'm with Marcus Smart. I'm sick and tired of talking about Kyrie Irving.

Irving's new team — the Brooklyn Nets — beat the Boston Celtics, 112-107, on Friday in New York. It was the eighth straight game that Irving missed with what is being called a shoulder injury.

That injury has come into question by some here in Boston who believe Irving was simply making an excuse to not travel with his team to the TD Garden two days prior, this past Wednesday night. Perhaps that theory is a stretch. But also, it is possible that Irving's injury isn't too serious. And given all the "load management" talk around the NBA these days, Irving's recent absence does come at a convenient time, during a stretch in which he was scheduled to make his first appearance at the TD Garden since fleeing for Brooklyn in free agency over the summer.

Irving was not at the Garden on Wednesday night. Had he been, he would've heard it from a Celtics fan base that isn't too happy with the way he ran out of town.

Can you blame any Celtics fan for wanting to boo Irving? I can't. But at the same time, I can also understand why current Celtics players no longer want to talk about him, publicly. I wouldn't want to be continuously asked about a player who's no longer on my team, either.

Smart said just that after Friday's game in Brooklyn.

"Quite frankly, I'm really, honestly, tired of hearing about Kyrie," said Smart. "Kyrie is no longer with the Boston Celtics, and it's a slap across the face of everybody on this team that's here now to keep hearing Kyrie's name. Because every one of these guys have put in the work and we continue to put in the work and we are here and still competing, and yet everybody, including the Boston fans, want to talk about Kyrie. Let's talk about the Boston Celtics."

Of course, Irving couldn't let the week pass without somehow inserting himself into the situation as cryptically as possible.

In his Instagram story on Wednesday night, after the Celtics beat the Nets in Boston, Irving wrote the following:

"It happens all the time and Tonight just shows how Sports/Entertainment will always be ignorant and obtrusive. It's one big SHOW that means Very VERY little in the real world that most people live in because there are Actually things that matter going on within it…"

For word-count purposes, and for sanity purposes, I'll stop right there. The post continues with a lot more nonsense than any actual human should know what to do with while trying to comprehend it all. But this seems to be par for the course with this absolute weirdo.

Irving ended the post with:

"Don't fall for the Game that's played in front of you as Entertainment, it'll never be as serious dealing with LIFE."

Normally, I side with the athlete. In fact, even right here, right now, I'm siding with Smart and the current Celtics team. They're sick of talking about Irving. And so am I.

But I feel no sympathy for Irving. His Instagram post is obviously responding to the "Kyrie sucks" chants at the Garden on Wednesday night, even though he only heard those chants on his TV at home.

Wow. You got booed by a fan base for an organization that you gave up on. You just signed a four-year, $136.5 million contract. And after this season, you'll have made a total of $127 million in nine NBA seasons. But we're supposed to listen to you lecture us about "LIFE?"

Ok, sounds good buddy.

Irving is a strange dude. But one thing he's not is a sympathetic figure. So spare us all the 5,000-word essay on Instagram and just show up to the Garden when your team returns to Boston on March 3.

If Irving skips that trip too, let's stop giving him what he wants.

Let's stop talking about him.

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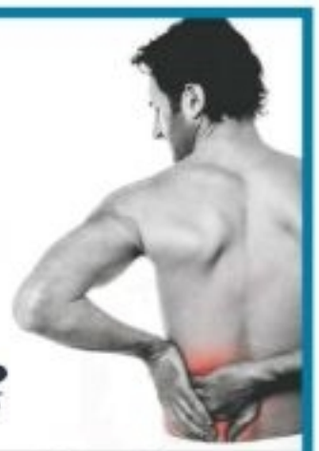

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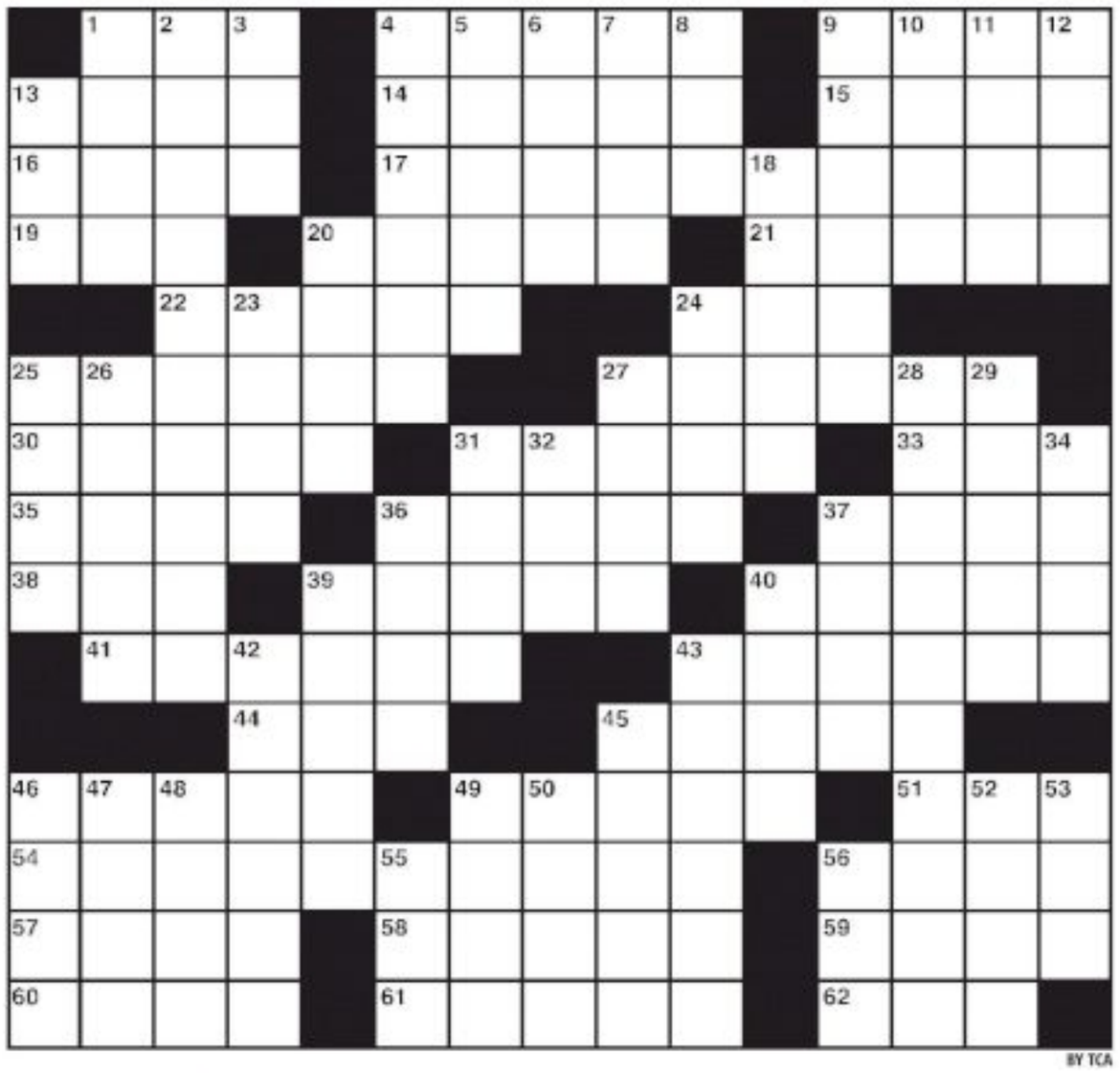

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4 Fjord
9 Custard ingredients
13 Forbidden thing
14 Cash, slangily
15 Flood survivor
16 Up in __; furious
17 Make widely known
19 Stinger
20 Freeway exits
21 Lubricated
22 Train tracks
24 __ away; fled
25 Point the finger at
27 Loathe
30 Complain childishly
31 __ Jessica Parker
33 Soda __; soft drink
35 Huck's transport
36 Brake or accelerator
37 Celebration
38 "Are __ Lonesome Tonight?"
39 Lavish meal
40 Recess in a wall
41 Zigzag skiing
43 Horse's gait
44 Lion's lair
45 Asian nation
46 Weight revealer
49 Weak
51 Shed tears
54 Building for a performance
56 Chimney pipe
57 Word before apple or Louie
58 Fairy tale
59 Quiz
60 Building super's ringful
61 Elephant's teeth
62 WWII hero Ike

DOWN

1 Days gone by
2 Coldhearted
3 __ Alamos, NM
4 Pierce with a harpoon
5 Accepted standards
6 Thrown for a __; gobsmacked
7 Lawn trees
8 Grecian's "T"
9 Motor
10 Aim
11 __-crasher; uninvited attendee
12 Small storage building
13 Catch a thief
18 Reluctant
20 Go upward
23 Female relation
24 Authentic
25 Amiss; askew
26 Bedlam
27 "Phooey!"
28 Wearing glasses
29 __ point; relevant
31 Stitched joining
32 Want __; newspaper section
34 Look through a keyhole
36 Lowly laborer
37 Many a Scandinavian
39 Armada
40 Metal fastener
42 Speaks without preparation
43 Wind __; porch tinklers
45 Fill in cracks
46 Quarterback's undoing
47 Remedy
48 Call it __; quit & go home
49 Madame in Munich
50 Teases
52 Trick
53 "Not __!"; cry to the impatient
55 Many a time
56 Floral wire service

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Gemini Keep your spirits high, your thoughts positive and your plans doable. Don't give in to someone trying to pressure or tempt you into something indulgent, risky or objectionable.

Cancer Stay calm and enjoy what you have instead of making comparisons to neighbors, relatives or peers. Life isn't a contest; the only one you should compete with is yourself.

Leo Plan to have some fun. Distance yourself from people who are angry or pushy. Make an adjustment because you want to, not because someone is pressuring you.

Virgo Seize an opportunity. Gather information and facts, and don't be shy when it comes to presenting what you have to offer. Focus on personal gain, growth and happiness. Romance is encouraged.

Libra Observe what others do and say. Don't respond if you aren't satisfied with the information you're given. Keep your emotions tucked away somewhere safe. Take care of your emotional well-being.

Scorpio Not everyone will be pleased with your accomplishments. Refuse to let someone's jealousy stand between you and the success you deserve. Let your instincts overrule emotional manipulation.

Sagittarius Rethink your objective. Consider if what you are currently doing will bring you the satisfaction you are searching for. Aim to take better care of your health, wealth and loved ones.

Capricorn Take care of business. Stand up, be a leader and achieve your goal. A passionate attitude will draw attention and give you a chance to weed out what's holding you back.

Aquarius Take a flexible approach when dealing with people who aren't compliant. Offer space and time for others to think matters through. Your time will be better spent on achieving personal goals.

Pisces Turn possibilities into something tangible. It's up to you to go after what you want and to explore the best route to take. Distance yourself from emotional manipulators. EUGENIA LAST

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